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- In July 1950, 12 railroad steam locomotives were delivered to Bulgaria by Czechoslovakia.
- The Sofia-Karlove line has not been widened to the Russian gauge. The line runs from Sofia to Zlatitsa, and from Klisura eastward to Stalin (Varna).
- 3. The line from Zlatitsa to Klisura is not in operation at present because a tunnel seven kilometers long is being constructed through the mountains three kilometers west of Klisura.
- The foundation for the railroad station of Marikostenovo has been completed.
- The road being built between Lefka and Studena is nearing completion.
- Bulgarian soldiers who were released from service in 1949 worked for two months on road building and repair.
- The road between Ivailovgrad and Krumovgrad is being repaired. The project was begun in late August 1950.
- Domestic airline traffic is under the control of the Soviet-Bulgarian organization known as TAPSO which has at its disposition about 20 Junker\* 52°s and American (Douglas) type two motor transports.

Comment: It is believed that 20 is an extremely high figure, but it is, of course, possible the number has been recently augmented.

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